

MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT TO DISCIPLES LEADERS

Dear colleagues -

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is gearing up for 40 Days of Moral Action beginning the day after Mothers Day (May 14). The 2017 General Assembly adopted a resolution to support this campaign so I am asking you to help spread the word. Dr. William Barber, II, a Disciples minister, is, as you know, the co-chair and national voice of this movement. Many of you are already engaged in local state-based efforts, and may have already begun to mobilize regional participation. An important aspect of the Poor People's Campaign is that leaders from among those communities impacted by poverty are among the core leadership providing shape and direction to this movement. You can help the effort in one of several ways.

1. Follow the Repairers of the Breach Facebook page where you will see events as they are announced. <https://www.facebook.com/pg/repairers/events/>
2. You can use the art and videos provided on the PPC:ANCMR page for free with credit to the artist. <https://art.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>
3. Sign up for e-mail notifications in your area of direct actions, meetings and more on the PPC:ANCMR page. <https://poorpeoplescampaign.org/>
4. Use the attached forms for people in your region to sign up to participate.

As we receive more information about direct actions and local committees we will share that with you with the hopes you can send it directly to congregations who are in those areas. We will also share the information through Communication Ministries channels and through the Justice Table members.

A second important initiative, based in the National Council of Churches (NCC), is the ACT Now initiative, also referred to as the Truth and Racial Justice initiative. It is being directed by our own Sharon Watkins, former GMP. A major launch will occur on the National Mall in Washington, DC on April 4, 2018. The National Council of Churches is requesting 500 to attend from each communion. This initiative calls on the white church to acknowledge and own its complicity in racism in American Christianity. As a pro-reconciliation, anti-racism church for nearly 50 years, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) surely stands in solidarity with this important work. Robert Welsh will be reaching out to regional ministers who are within driving distance of Washington, DC in the coming days to see how your regions in particular might show up to support these events. You can find more information and sign up for updates at this link: <http://www.rally2endracism.org/>

Please do share with me your local efforts to engage these movements for wholeness and justice. As those who are followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to live out the commandments of Christ and the prophets to love neighbor, and to seek justice for all.

Blessings and peace to you,
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